

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Schuylkill County Office  
Fact Sheet**

**Mission:** We provide critical help for those with critical needs. We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Schuylkill County. We aim to provide the best service available to the greatest number of clients. We advise and represent on civil issues: domestic violence, custody, housing, health care, consumer, elder law and public benefits. The largest part of our caseload is family law cases. We do not handle criminal cases.

**Funding:** Government funding is our primary source of funding. The Pennsylvania Legal Assistance Network (PLAN) provides 46% of our funds. PLAN distributes IOLTA and Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 31% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We receive funding from the Schuylkill County Bar Association, Schuylkill County Commissioners and the Schuylkill Office of Senior Services.

**Schuylkill County Statistics:**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	9%	12.0 %
Food Stamp recipients	4.7%	10.8%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	10.4%	16.9%
Poverty Population	13,612	17,670

Schuylkill - FY0809 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	%
Consumer	129	3	132	14.9%
Employment	16	0	16	1.8%
Family	438	22	460	51.9%
Health	26	0	26	2.9%
Housing	197	0	197	22.2%
Income Maintenance	47	1	48	5.4%
Individual Rights	1	0	1	0.1%
Other/Multiple Topics	6	0	6	0.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

MidPenn advocates spent 2,777.10 hours on cases in Schuylkill County in fiscal year 2008-2009.

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